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By "COMMENTATOR"

FUTURE generations will have to pass judgment whether Stalin has been the greatest genius in history, as claimed by the more zealous of his adherents, but even today few will dispute the fact that he has been the greatest political boss of all times. And for better or worse, he has also been Hitler not accepted, the man of destiny of the 20th Century up to now. His biography is one of the biggest success stories of all times. The son of a God-fearing, but came to be the most important man of his time. Presidents and Prime Ministers came and went, the Vienna housepainter and the Italian schoolmaster were defeated and disappeared; and only Stalin alone like a fixed star, an immovable institution, the central boss, the "Khrushchev," and then the big leader, the "Vlad."

BUT it was not merely a personal achievement. Under Stalin, Russia became the great world power it is now - industrialized and collectivized; a country with the biggest army in the world, and with a number of satellite states, doing its bidding. For the first time in history a ruthless social revolution had triumphed and survived. Spartacus and Wat Tyler, the men of 1789 and 1848 were defeated, but Stalin held on; more than that, under his leadership a third of mankind, from Canton to Berlin, came to adopt, whether they liked it or not, the tenets of Stalinism. It would have been indeed the greatest success story of all times but for the fact that 35 years after the October Revolution, Russia is further from socialism and the aims of the Revolution than ever under Nikolai Romanov. It would be interesting to know whether Stalin ever realized this. But supposing he did, what could he do about it?

THE most influential man of his time, he has not been a free agent. Stalin always preferred to appear to be a free agent, but this was what his last book published some months ago was about. It was given to Stalin to take decisions, but the whole of mankind building socialism in one country in 1924; denouncing "artificial" (unrealistic) in 1931; extolling the virtues of the Soviet later; Russian patriotism in 1934. Once these momentous decisions had been taken there was little anybody could do about it, including Stalin. One had to go on and on, until this process had reached its logical conclusion. And the end is not yet.

STALIN had been nourished after all in the spirit of internationalism and revolutionary democracy common in some degree to all left-wing movements prior to the Second World War. Stalin's successors, on the other hand, belong to an entirely different generation, whose ideals and aims are no longer left or right but belong to an altogether different category. It might be no mere coincidence that the anti-Jewish campaign in the Soviet Union was launched at a time when the reins of power had already passed, at least partly, into other hands. Stalin believed in the ultimate victory of Communism (or of Stalinism) in the whole world. But he did not think that the civil struggle would necessarily take place this year or the next. By nature he was the most circumspect political leader of our times, and with old age he became even more cautious. His achievement had been enormous, why should he endanger everything by an adventure? Stalin's successor or successors, on the other hand, will probably be of more daring spirit, and this is not exactly what the world needs in the Atomic Age. We might yet wish Stalin back.

Queen's Condition Same
LONDON, Wednesday (AP). — Queen Mary, 84, in bed for more than a week with a recurrence of gastric trouble, opened a fairly good night, officials said today. They described her general condition, however, as unchanged.

Ben Gurion Defines Role of Army in National Life

An army is an instrument of Government and it must therefore be constituted as to perform the tasks imposed on it by the Government, the Prime Minister, Mr. David Ben Gurion said in the Knesset yesterday. If the Government makes a treaty of friendship with some other Government, the Army cannot but conform.

The Prime Minister was winding up the first reading of a Bill extending until the end of the year the provisional military law now in force, together with certain amendments intended to strengthen discipline and has political activity within the army. The Bill was referred to the Foreign and Security Committee of the House.

The provision punishing with prison terms any form of propaganda intended to undermine the authority of the State among soldiers was violently attacked by the opposition. Mr. Y. Rittin (Mapam) said it would cripple the "political independence" of the soldier. Mr. Y. Kessach (Mapai) said ironically, the opposition seems to identify democracy with the right to undermine the Government.

Mr. Ben Gurion smilingly hinted that he "knew what Mr. Rittin and Mr. Landau (Hagarta) were aiming at." He gave an illustration however. Some time ago the Hashomer Hatzair youth movement published a proclamation to soldiers, urging them to oppose the extension of military service by six months, as passed by the Knesset. "I ordered the recall to the army of those Hashomer Hatzair young men who had been granted deferment for educational work."

The army cannot be allowed to dictate its will to the people, Mr. Ben Gurion said. "We would not like to be turned into a Syria," he said, adding "there are certain people who would like it to be so."

Military Code
The bill was introduced by the Minister of Justice, Mr. E. Rabin, and the Knesset was presented to the Knesset four years ago, but only passed its first reading in the first Knesset.

The Government may be able to produce a complete draft by the end of the year, he said. Mr. Y. Harnad (Progressive) said that this was more necessary, as it was more convenient to change the old code left over from Haganah days by amendments suggested by practice.

Year was expressed by some people into the hands of young men in the army, and had passed work cleaning them. Mr. Ben Gurion said that abuse of power was provided for in the code and that several officers who had been found guilty of cruelty towards their men had been punished.

Knesset to Get Budget Today

The Budget is expected to be distributed to Knesset members today and will be given its first reading next Monday after its introduction by the Minister of Finance.

Forty hours have been allotted for the debate by the House Committee. The procedure will be different from that adopted in former years in order to enable the House to debate the Budget without the pressure of the March 31 deadline.

The first reading will cover both income and expenditure and take 10 hours. The second reading will be divided: the income estimates will be passed before March 31 and the expenditure after that date. The Government will then be given authority to spend part of the Budget by the end of June, while the Knesset will devote 20 hours to the debate on expenditure.

The expenditure budget too will be treated differently, for the debate will be divided into its parts, each devoted to a separate set of Ministers.

ANXIOUS WORLD AWAITS NEWS FROM MOSCOW AFTER PREMIER STALIN SUFFERS SEVERE STROKE

Marshal Josef Vissarionovich Stalin, 73-year-old President of the Soviet Council of Ministers, was abruptly removed from active leadership of Russia and of millions of Communists in the world when he was stricken with a cerebral haemorrhage at 2 o'clock on Monday morning. The news was broadcast yesterday morning by Moscow Radio which gave bulletins until mid-day reporting that his condition was grave. As no further news was forthcoming for the rest of the day and night, an anxious world hung in suspense and pondered two vital questions: who would be his successor and would his sudden stroke increase or lessen the possibility of world war.

Zurich Conference In the Balance

The final decision whether to hold the Zurich all-Jewish conference is to be made this morning at a meeting of the Jewish Agency Executive in Jerusalem.

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Molotov May Act in Stalin's Place But Malenkov Seen as Successor

LONDON, Wednesday. — In all the major world capitals one of the big questions diplomats are faced with is: Who will succeed Marshal Stalin? It is generally accepted that even if the Russian Premier manages to survive he will be forced by his incapacity to become inactive in political affairs.

Information reaching here indicated that Vyacheslav Molotov, the Soviet Foreign Minister, would immediately succeed him until a Premier is elected.

In addition to Molotov two other candidates were said to be the most likely successors, with Georgi Malenkov given the best chance. The other named was Laurentia Beria.

Malenkov, at 51 the youngest of the triumvirate, rose to power during World War II. He came up in the ranks with Stalin and has exercised iron-fisted control over the Communist Party. During the war he was a member of the Committee of Five which directed Russia's defence. He has the party — the major source of Russian power — under his thumb as head of the Secretariat of the Central Committee.



Chances of Survival Cannot be Predicted

No estimate can be made by others than his own doctors as to Stalin's chances of surviving his stroke.

A stroke comes when a blood vessel breaks allowing blood to swamp and put pressure on the brain tissue. It is possible for the blood to be reabsorbed by the body and relieve the pressure before the brain tissue is irreparably damaged. Much depends on the patient's general health and Stalin's has never been revealed outside his close circle.

Soviet Leader, 73, Paralyzed; No Bulletins Since Noon

MOSCOW, Wednesday. — Marshal Josef Stalin, 73, lay close to death in his Kremlin apartment tonight, unconscious and partially paralyzed, as a result of a cerebral haemorrhage which seized him at 2 o'clock on Monday morning. The first news was broadcast by Radio Moscow this morning. It gave the medical bulletin and a Government communiqué which were repeated until noon. The Radio carried no news of Stalin's condition at midnight tonight but dealt only with domestic matters.

Zorin: Korean Debate Now Minor Question

UNITED NATIONS, Wednesday (UP). — Russia's permanent delegate, Valerian Zorin, said today that Stalin's critical illness reduced the U.N. debate on the Korea war to a "minor question."

An extreme anti-Communist comment was given by Generalissimo Rafael Trujillo, Dominican President, who said, "Stalin's death will strike the victory hour for the whole free world."

Most other delegations, including the American and Soviet bloc, withheld comment as did Secretary-General Trygve Lie. The Brazilian Chairman of the Political Committee, which is now debating the Korean war, pointed out, "In a dictatorship, anything that affects the capabilities or life of the dictator is likely to have deep repercussions. When the dictator is master of a great country such as Russia, these repercussions are world-wide."

Call for Unity

"They express confidence that our Party and the whole of the Soviet people will in these difficult days, display the greatest unity and cohesion, staunchness of spirit and vigilance, to redouble their energies in building Communism in our country."

The medical bulletin was signed at 2 a.m. local time and by 9 o'clock this morning the news had swept the city. Hundreds of men and women wept in the streets. It was a day of brilliant sunshine and snow lay deep in the parks. The temperature was a few degrees below freezing. To a generation of Russians born since the revolution the fact that Marshal Stalin could be ill appeared to be almost inconceivable.

Eisenhower Directs Message Of Sympathy to People of Russia

WASHINGTON, Wednesday. — President Eisenhower expressed his sympathy to the Russian people today in a statement which was regarded by observers more than merely a formal message of regret.

The President voiced the hope that "God will watch over the Soviet peoples regardless of the identity of the government's personalities."

"At this moment in history when the multitude of Russians are anxiously concerned because of the illness of the Soviet ruler, the thoughts of America go out to all the people of the U.S.S.R."

Churchill Offers Regrets to Russians

LONDON, Wednesday. — Prime Minister Churchill expressed his regret and sympathy today at the news that Marshal Stalin is ill. The 78-year-old British leader sent his Private Secretary, Mr. J. A. Cockfield, to the Soviet Embassy, this morning to express "regret" and to "offer his sympathy," a Government spokesman said.

Pope Prays For Stalin's Conversion

VATICAN CITY, Wednesday (AP). — Pope Pius is offering prayers for the Russian people in connection with the grave illness of Stalin, the Vatican said today.

A reporter asked if the Pontiff was praying for Stalin's conversion, the Vatican spokesman said, "Yes, he is praying for his conversion. The Vatican informant said."

World Reaction

These were some of the reactions from world capitals:

PARIS — Former Premier Edouard Daladier said, "The event is of extreme importance, considering that Marshal Stalin had great experience in international affairs, and that after having acquired so much advantage for his country he was mostly oriented toward peace."

TOKYO — Japanese Foreign Office sources said that they foresew no change in Russian foreign policy. It was generally believed that Stalin's successor would be Georgi Malenkov, and most sources predicted that he would continue Russia's policy of wooing Japan from the West.

BRUSSELS — Stalin's illness caused general concern here. It was generally considered that Stalin represented an element of moderation in the USSR. It is feared that his successor will not stand for the same authority and sense of responsibility.

Bonn Parliament Passes First Reading of Reparations Bill

BONN, Wednesday. — Germany's agreement to pay reparations to Israel and World Jewry for Nazi persecution of the Jews passed its first reading in the Lower House today.

Chancellor Konrad Adenauer told the Bundestag that the German nation had "a sacred duty" to recompense the Jews for their sufferings and that there was no reason why this act should damage traditional German friendship with the Arab States.

The agreement was sent to Committee for debate. It has already passed the Bundestag (Upper House). It provides for the payment to Israel and the Jewish Material Claims Conference of \$22m, mostly in goods, during the next 12 to 14 years.

Some Optimism Seen in Belgrade

BELGRADE, Wednesday (AP). — News of Stalin's critical illness touched off widespread speculation here today on one major question: How will it affect the five-year-old feud between Yugoslavia and Russia?

There was mixed and generally cautious reaction, reflecting some optimism that Stalin's death might provoke internal changes in Russia which would force the Soviet Union to ease up on its international position. This was tempered, however, by some fear that Stalin's successor might prove even more aggressive in an effort to unite the Russian people on the platform that they are threatened from abroad.

MAD Will Not Try To Be Communist No. 1

UNITED NATIONS, Wednesday (UP). — Nationalist China's chief U.N. delegate, Tingfu Tsiang, said today that the health of Mao Tse Tung, Communist leader of China, "is not good."

He told a U.N. Correspondent Association luncheon that he did not anticipate any effort by Mao or other Chinese Communists to assume leadership of the Communist world on Stalin's death. "Stalin has been defiled in the Communist world. Whoever his successor might be there will be no deviation from the policies he has laid down. Russian Communists, being closer to Stalin, will say that they have a better right to interpret Stalinism than anyone outside the Soviet Union."

Fast Day for Jews

Moscow Radio broke precedent by reporting Marshal Stalin's illness. Soviet newspapers have never before carried any reports or speculations concerning his health.

The first bulletin was not due until early tomorrow morning. Stalin made two public appearances in January, both at the Bolshoi theatre, and both times he was reported looking fit. Last month he received two Ambassadors, Dr. Leopoldo de Argentea, and T.P. Monom, of India, both of whom reported him looking strong and vigorous. (UP, AP, Reuters)

Wake up in GRAPEFRUIT-TIME

I enjoy them best of all

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Today's Post Day

THE WEATHER

	°F	°C
Jerusalem	64	18
Haifa	62	17
Tel Aviv	64	18
Beersheva	62	17
Dimona	62	17
Yotvata	62	17
Arad	62	17
Beer Sheva	62	17
Dimona	62	17
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FORECAST: Variable clouds, light rain, mainly over high ground and inland. Wind: S.W. 10-15 m.p.h. at night. Temp: 64-72.

CURRENCY: In circulation dropped this week to 100,000,000, a decrease of 10,000,000 from the close of banking business yesterday.

THE PORTFOLIO: The 100,000,000 banknotes were issued by the Ministry of Finance on Tuesday.

117 RESIDENTS: Left the country for settlement in 13 countries in the 24 hours ending Tuesday.

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Police Confident Legation Bomb Guilty Will be Apprehended

By VICTOR SEGEV

TEL AVIV, Wednesday. — A meticulous and far-reaching investigation into the bombing of the Soviet Legation in Tel Aviv a month ago has led the authorities to believe that it was not carried out or instigated by any foreign power or body. The POST learned from a reliable source today. The investigation is still in progress and the authorities are confident that those responsible will be brought to justice. It was pointed out, however, that the process was slow and might take many months.

No traces of the bomb or tracks of those who had planted it exist, primarily because the police investigation was delayed when they were refused permission to enter the Legation premises.

The search for clues in the building and courtyard after the Soviet staff left revealed nothing. It is known that the bomb was a primitive charge of explosives set off by a fuse, possibly a time fuse, and it is assumed that several persons took part in the act of placing the bomb.

Some clues as to their identity exist, but they could not be revealed now, it was said.

Centre of Investigation. The investigation centres around the activities of the Anti-Communist League, whose members were the first to have been rounded up after the bombing. Others include the Committee for the Release of Jews in Communist Countries, and isolated groups of disgruntled young men who are considered likely to throw bombs if paid or incited to do so.

The main member of the Committee is Mr. Ya'acov Gil, former M.K. and head of the "Abud" House (Unity of the Nation) party. The Committee, which came into being after the Prague trial, is violently anti-Communist and advocates the liquidation of the Israel Communist party. It is very close to the Anti-Communist League in its views, the main obstacle barring the merger of the two being the former's collaboration with the local Arab population, while the latter rejects any such activity. When questioned, the Committee's members, who number only a few dozen, openly admit that they advocate terror against the Communists here and consider the bombing incident at the Legation as a "beneficial and nationalistic act." They advocate a temporary detour from the normal path of the population, divided into several groups: 1) military, 2) saboteurs, 3) other working groups composed of residents of lesser physical capacity. They desire the present Government and hope it will be overthrown peacefully by a military coup on the Syrian pattern.

Extreme Rights. In viewing the groups in Israel who were likely to commit acts of violence, the source said that much concern was caused by young men not affiliated to any party or group, who lead "unrestrained lives" in the city and were prepared to do anything for excitement, fun or money. These exclude the group which supported Dr. Shikany's bomb in the Legation compound at Hakirya last year (an act which is in a category by itself), and Harari party members generally who wish to fight the arrival of German reparations here. It is quite clear, however, that these extremist violence were centred on the extreme right of the political spectrum, with no evidence at all of the existence of such trends in the Centre and Left. The "Abud" House, a party announced recently that it would "over act of this type, it filed an application with the High Court of Justice last month for an injunction against Mr. Shikany retaining his seat on the Tel Aviv Municipal Council while serving in the Legation.

Katamon Monastery. For Medical Students. NEW YORK, Wednesday (INA). — The Vatican authorities have made available an unfinished 40-room monastery in Katamon, Jerusalem, to the Hebrew Immigrant Aid Society for use as a hostel for medical students at the Hebrew University. It was announced yesterday by Mr. Ben Tzion, president of the Society.

The building was originally intended for the Carmelite order. It was unfinished at the outbreak of the War of Independence. It will now be completed with funds provided by the Friends of the Hebrew University. An estimated cost of \$200,000. On completion in 1954 it will house about 100 students and will be equipped with living quarters, studies and libraries.

German Crews Barred From Coming Ashore. German crews have been barred from coming ashore at least three ships flying various national flags which have been unloaded at Haifa, it was learned in Jerusalem yesterday. The German sailors were not permitted ashore and the ships, after unloading at top speed and taking on supplies, left immediately.

One ship flew a Liberian flag and two flew flags of small South American countries. A large business firm, which chartered one of the vessels, did not know it was manned by a German crew.

NEW YORK CITY FIRE KILLS SEVEN. A fire being fought by hand extinguishers got out of control at a furniture factory here today trapping 149 persons and killing five men and two women.

Shikany Asks Court To Withdraw Appeal. A petition to withdraw the appeal by Dev Shikany against the 21 months prison term imposed on him by the Tel Aviv District Court was filed with the Court of Appeals yesterday. Shikany had been convicted in December of carrying a bomb while on the premises of the Foreign Ministry.

The petition asserts that comments in the Knesset by Mr. Z. Aranne (Mapai) on the judgment delivered by the District Court, had undermined the possibility of maintaining an objective and calm atmosphere at the hearings of this appeal.

The Prime Minister had mentioned the Shikany case in his statement on the bombing of the Soviet Legation in Tel Aviv.

In the same debate Mr. Aranne declared that criminal justice in Israel is not on as high a level as civil justice. He implicitly referred to the Shikany trial, scoring the fact that the Court took the political motive of the accused into consideration as a mitigating circumstance.

In spite of the objectivity of the Court of Appeals, the petition states, these speeches would tend to interfere with the outcome of the appeal.

It is to be noted that the Minister of Justice, Mr. P. Ben-Zur, took a strong stand in the Knesset against discussion of cases that are sub judice.

Low Pressure System Over Russia. A depression that has originated in the region between the Caspian and North Seas for the past few days is moving westward today as another low pressure system passed across Russia in the past few days.

As a result, higher winds were experienced (in Haifa) at Lydda and heavy showers and rain fell in the corridor and inland in Israel in the past few days.

Ground Floor Flats Evacuated in T.A. Jerusalem POST Staff. TEL AVIV, Wednesday. — Ground-floor residents of the Hakirya and Montefiore quarters here, with their annual experience of flooding brought to mind by Meteorological Service warnings today of possible floods, evacuated their homes and moved their goods and furniture to higher floors. By late tonight, however, the Nahal Ayalon (Wadi Musara) was only half-way up its banks and no trouble was expected.

Rainfall in the Tel Aviv area was not heavy today, though short sharp showers were experienced. Further away, however, the Harari road was reported to be flooded in places, and in the Migdal Ayalon area, mules were used as the only form of transport possible between some villages surrounded by muddy fields. Snowflakes were seen falling in the area early today, but melted before they reached the ground.

In Jerusalem, snow, which quickly turned to sleet, fell for half an hour at 11:30. The Fire Brigade answered 30 calls to pump water from flooded quarters. No serious damage was reported in either the city or in the Corridor settlements.

Jordan Propaganda. Despite the fact that the Jordan-Jordan Armistice Commission vindicated Israel of killing six shepherds in the Hebron area last week, Ami Nakhshbi, senior Jordan M.A.C. delegate is circulating a pamphlet to all diplomatic representatives of foreign and Arab countries in both Amman and the Old City about Israel's guilt in the incident.

Any Arab refugee who fills in the forms to release blocked accounts in Israel is a traitor and should be imprisoned, "Palestine," the Old City daily, said in an editorial yesterday.

Arab propaganda is already showing results in America. "A-Diff," the Old City daily, commented editorially yesterday. The paper was referring to the editorial, "America and the Middle East," which appeared in the POST on Tuesday. By using only propaganda, the Arab states can defeat Israel, the paper adds.

ARAB CLAIM. Israel has submitted another complaint to the United Nations on the Egyptian blockade of the Suez Canal. ANA reported yesterday quoting an Arab League spokesman. The complaint is scheduled to be discussed at the next session of the Security Council, it was said.

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Nazareth Stirred Up

HAIFA, Wednesday (INA).

Following news reports that today would see some world-shattering event which would change the face of the Middle East, many residents here left the city in a state of panic.

Some thought had been left behind in the city, but the news of the "event" was not true. The city was stirred up by the news of the "event" which was not true.

Addressing a congregation in the city, the speaker said: "It is not the time for panic. It is the time for calm and for the peace of the city."

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Continue to Build Strength—Adenauer

BONN, Wednesday (AP).

West German Chancellor Konrad Adenauer declared today, "If Stalin dies the world should not relax, but continue to build up its strength against aggressive international Communism."

He made this statement to a group of visiting American editors and publishers. Asked what effect he thought Stalin's death would have on the world political situation, Dr. Adenauer said, "Nobody can prophesy that, but we must remember that after the death of Lenin, there came a Stalin."

"I have had the feeling for some time that they were preparing the way for Stalin's successor in Moscow. I believe the persecution of the Jews in Russia and the satellite countries, and particularly the Moscow doctors' case, is connected with these preparations."

A new political element has been injected which will change the face of the world, he said. Stalin's death should only strengthen us to pursue the course on which we have embarked. That is the building up of Western Strength and unity."

In Berlin, Walter Ulbricht, Communist leader of East Germany, flew to Moscow last night, he was disclosed today. He left shortly after the announcement of Premier Stalin's critical condition.

West Berlin's Chief Burgomaster Ernst Reuter, once a collaborator of Stalin, said, "The end of Stalin which we can presumably expect in a few days or at the outside a few weeks will signal the beginning of a big change. It will be a change for the better, a change for the Western world to us."

Satellite Bonds Jump On N.Y. Exchange. NEW YORK, Wednesday (AP).

The Stock Market was fairly active today with moderate declines and some small gains. On the Bond Market, Bonds of the Soviet satellite countries and the old Russian Czarist regime jumped higher.

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